Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A one-component polyurethane composition comprising

at least one polyurethane prepolymer having terminal isocyanate groups, prepared from at least one polyisocyanate with at least one polyol;

and

at least one catalyst system which is obtainable from at least one bismuth compound and at least one aromatic nitrogen compound.

2. (Original) The one-component polyurethane composition of claim 1, characterized in that the aromatic nitrogen compound has the formula A or B,

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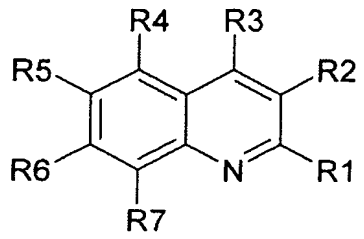

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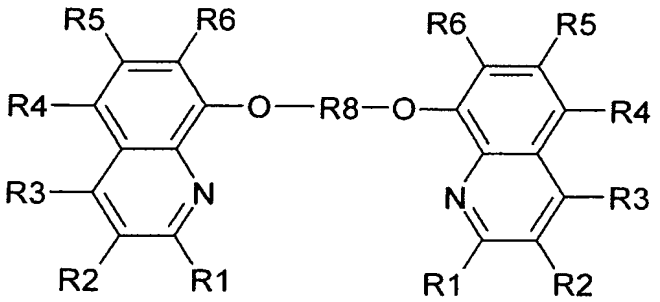

where R1, R2, R3, R4, R5 and R6 each independently of one another are H, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, C_5 to C_{12} alkyl, COOH, COOR' or halogen, R7 is H, methyl, ethyl, C_3 to C_{12} alkyl, OH or OR" and R8 is alkylene or alkylene ether, and also R' is alkyl and R" is alkyl or alkyl with heteroatoms.

3. (Original) The one-component polyurethane composition of claim 2, characterized in that in the aromatic nitrogen compound of the formula A R7 is H, methyl, ethyl, C_3 to C_8 alkyl or O-$(CH_2CH_2O)_x$-R' or O-$(CH_2CH(CH_3)O)_x$-R' or positional isomers thereof, with the values for x of 1-6, or is OH, preferably OH.

4. (Original) The one-component polyurethane composition of claim 2, characterized in that in the aromatic nitrogen compound of formula B R8 is C_1 to C_8 alkylene or $(CH_2CH_2O)_yCH_2CH_2$ or $(CH_2CH(CH_3)O)_yCH_2CH(CH_3)$ or positional isomers thereof, with the values for y of 0-5, in particular y = 2 or 3.

5. (Currently Amended) The one-component polyurethane composition of ~~any one of~~ claims 2 ~~to 4~~, characterized in that in the aromatic nitrogen compound of the formula A or B the substituents R1, R2, R3, R4, R5 and R6 each independently of one another are H or methyl, especially H.

6. (Currently Amended) The one-component polyurethane composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, characterized in that the bismuth compound is a bismuth carboxylate $Bi(OOC-R''')_3$, where R''' is a C_5 to C_{17} alkyl radical, especially C_5 to C_{11} alkyl radical, preferably C_7 or C_9 alkyl radical.

7. (Currently Amended) The one-component polyurethane composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, characterized in that in the catalyst system the molar ratio of (aromatic nitrogen compound multiplied by the denticity of the aromatic nitrogen compound) to bismuth is 0.2:1 to 12:1, in particular 0.2:1 to 6:1.

8. (Currently Amended) The one-component polyurethane composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, characterized in that the aromatic nitrogen compound enters into a coordinative bond with bismuth.

9. (Currently Amended) The one-component polyurethane composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, characterized in that there is also at least one tin compound present.

10. (Currently Amended) The one-component polyurethane composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, characterized in that the composition is moisture-curing.

11. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing the composition of ~~any one of~~ claims 1~~–10~~, further comprising a step of preparing the catalyst system by reacting a bismuth compound with at least one aromatic nitrogen compound.

12. (Currently Amended) The use of the composition of ~~any one of~~ claims 1~~–10~~ as an adhesive, sealant, coating or lining.

13. (Currently Amended) The use of the composition of ~~any one of~~ claims 1~~–10~~ as a primer.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of adhesively bonding, sealing or coating a surface, characterized in that it comprises a step of contacting with a composition of ~~any one of~~ claims 1~~–10~~.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, characterized in that the surface is a paint, preferably an automotive paint, in particular a multiply baked automotive paint.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 ~~or 15~~, characterized in that it comprises an additional step of curing in air.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any one of~~ claims 14~~-16~~, characterized in that it further comprises a step of contacting with a water-containing component or an admixture thereof.

18. (Original) A catalyst for polyurethane compositions, characterized in that the catalyst is a coordination compound between bismuth and an aromatic nitrogen compound of the formula A or B,

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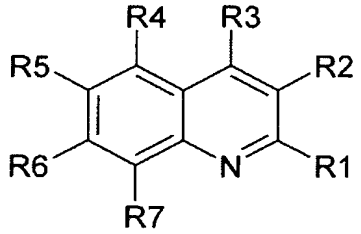

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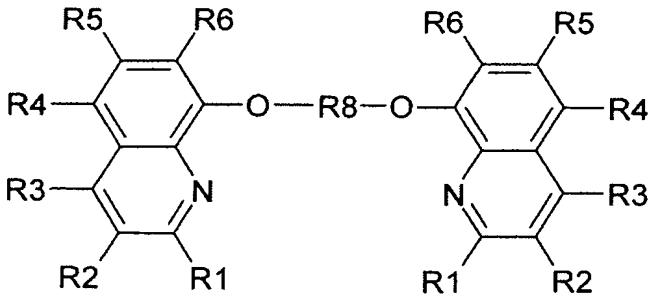

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or halogen, R7 is H, methyl, ethyl, C_3 to C_{12} alkyl, OH or OR" and R8 is alkylene or alkylene ether, and also R' is alkyl and R" is alkyl or alkyl with heteroatoms.

19. (Original) A catalyst for polyurethane compositions, characterized in that the catalyst is a coordination compound between bismuth and 8-hydroxyquinoline or between bismuth and tetraethylene glycol bis(8-quinolyl) ether.

20. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a polyurethane prepolymer, characterized in that a catalyst of claim 18 ~~or 19~~ is used for the reaction of at least one polyisocyanate with at least one polyol.